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Biography

WILLIAM THOMAS GRANAHAN was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 26, 1895; attended parochial schools, and La Salle Extension University at Chicago, Ill.; during the First World War served as a private in the Fourth Army Corps and served in the Army of Occupation in Germany in 1918 and 1919; engaged in the building business 1925–1929; member of the State Democratic committee 1938–1942; State supervisor of inheritance tax in 1940 and 1941; chief disbursing officer of the State treasury 1941–1944; elected as a Democrat to the Seventh-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945–January 3, 1947); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; engaged in the building business in Philadelphia, Pa.; again elected to the Eighty-first Congress and reelected to the Eighty-second, Eighty-third, and Eighty-fourth Congresses; had been renominated in the April 1956 primary election; served from January 3, 1949, until his death in Darby, Pa., May 25, 1956; interment in Saint Bernard Cemetery, Easton, Pa.

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1956.

The Reverend Cannon Donald C. Means, rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Altoona, Pa., offered the following prayer:

Our Father God, we commend to Thee, all who are engaged in the government of this Nation, and more especially, the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States assembled; grant to them integrity of purpose, wisdom of good judgment, and unfailing devotion to the ideals of good government. May all their deliberations and resultant legislation be such as will promote the welfare of all the people of this country; that upholding what is right and just, and following what is true, they may obey Thy holy will and fulfill Thy divine purpose.

We remember this day those who have given their lives in the service of this Nation, knowing that Thou hast received them unto Thyself. Grant that we can continue to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work they so nobly advanced, and give increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that our government of the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Grant that this Nation may always be in the vanguard of nations that shall always strive to achieve and cherish a just, honorable, and lasting peace in our land and among the nations of the earth. And, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt never fail to bestow Thy blessing upon this good land which Thou hast promised to that people whose God is the Lord. In all humility of heart, but with strength of purpose, we ask Thee to grant our petitions which we offer in the name of

Thy son Jesus Christ our Lord who with Thee and Thy holy spirit livest and reignest ever one God world without end.

Remember, O Lord, a Member of Congress and grant that increasing in love of Thee he may grow from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant that those members of his family, casting every care upon Thee, may know the consolation of Thy love and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of deep sorrow and of great personal loss that I announce to the House the untimely passing of our colleague and my very dear friend, Congressman WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, of Philadelphia.

BILL, as he was affectionately known by so many people, was a conscientious, hard-working, sincere public servant, modest to a fault, but very methodical in the work he did on behalf of his people. His passing will leave a big gap in the important work that is now being done by some of our colleagues.

I know that I speak the sentiments of all Members of this body when I extend to his fine wife our deepest sympathy at her great loss.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WALTER. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked when I learned of the death of my good friend, BILL GRANAHAN. He was a conscientious, able, and valuable Member of this House. More than that, he was possessed of rare qualities of kindness, gentleness, and consideration for others that marked him as a gentleman in the highest sense of the word. He was a good man, a noble soul. During the past year I have learned to know him well; and to know him is to love him. He was my friend. I shall miss him indeed.

I am sure I speak for all Members of the House when I say that this Congress has lost an outstanding Member; this country has lost an outstanding American.

I join all Members in extending to his loved ones my deepest sympathy.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, one of the best liked Members of the House was our late friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN. His unexpected death is a shock to all of us. His passing is a great loss to the House. During his period of service in this body BILL GRANAHAN served his people with ability and devotion. He was recognized by his colleagues as one of the most substantial Members of this body, a hard worker, and able Member, and one who contributed greatly in committee to the drafting of sound, constructive legislation. As we all know from our own experiences, it is in committee, unseen by the public, where the greatest contributions is made by a Member. Our late colleague was not only a great American, but he was a loyal Democrat. He was truly a man of the people. His fine character of service and his nobility of character, the strong respect in which he was held, I am sure will be a source of consolation to Mrs. Granahan.

Mrs. McCormack and I extend to Mrs. Granahan our deep sympathy in her great loss and sorrow.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Fenton].

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed a great shock to hear of the death of our colleague Mr. GRANAHAN.

Congressman GRANAHAN was a fine gentleman; beloved by those whom it was his privilege to represent.

The city of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania, and our country have lost a fine representative. He will be greatly missed.

I extend to his widow and others of his family my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest].

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my very deep and sincere grief over the death of BILL GRANAHAN. I have been very closely associated with him during his and my tenure on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He was a kind man, a very gentle man, always considerate of the feelings and viewpoints of other Members. He was a tolerant man. He was devoted to the public interest, and he had, I think, to a rather marked degree, a comprehension of the needs of humanity, the needs of the people in this country and around the world. He gave, as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the very best he had in effort and in energy. He worked diligently on legislation in which he was interested, and that covered a very wide field.

Mr. Speaker, for myself and other members of the committee, I wish to convey our sympathy to Mrs. Granahan and other members of his family, and to say to them that the memory of BILL GRANAHAN will live with us on into the future.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Schenck].

Mr. SCHENCK. Mr. Speaker, the unexpected and untimely death of our very good friend, Congressman GRANAHAN, came as a distinct shock and brought a feeling of great personal loss to me. It has been my privilege to serve with BILL GRANAHAN on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and also on the special Subcommittee on Commerce and Finance. He was always deeply interested in the work of our committee and very serious in his obligations as a Member of this great body.

It was a great privilege for Mrs. Schenck and me to meet the very fine and charming wife of BILL GRANAHAN some months ago. She is a wonderful person. We would like to express to her our most sincere sympathies for her great loss and our very great appreciation for the fine work of her distinguished husband. We hope and pray that the Father of all of us will grant her the courage, wisdom, strength, and understanding to meet this great loss and will sustain her in all the coming months.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Rogers].

Mr. ROGERS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned of the sudden passing of one of our outstanding Members from Philadelphia, BILL GRANAHAN. It was my happy pleasure to become acquainted with him more than 5 years ago. During that period a friendship grew up between him and me and from time to time we had breakfast together in the House cafeteria. It was then that I learned to know that he was an honest, sincere, and conscientious legislator. He was at all times ready and willing to discuss with all Members the problems of government as he saw them.

We in Congress will miss BILL GRANAHAN because he had a smile, a good how-do-you-do for all of us. I know that in the future we will miss him in our Hall.

I should like to express my most sincere and deep sympathy to Mrs. Granahan, the members of his family, and his many friends.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Beamer].

Mr. BEAMER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing sympathy to the family of WILLIAM GRANAHAN and pay a tribute to a fine gentleman who will no longer be with us.

It was my privilege also to serve with BILL GRANAHAN on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. I became acquainted with BILL when I first came to the Congress. I learned that he was one of these quiet and kindly people who always was sincerely working in the cause of good government.

It was a pleasure to travel with BILL GRANAHAN on official committee trips. I found him on these trips to be equally serious and devoted to the cause that he so well represented in the House.

I know that these words that we express today will seem hollow in the great sorrow and bereavement of Mrs. Granahan and of BILL GRANAHAN'S many friends. It is hoped, however, that the giver of all good and perfect gifts will give to her and all of us the strength to bear our loss. All of our lives were enriched because BILL had been with us.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. Rooney].

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday morning last I was indeed shocked and saddened at the news of the sudden and untimely death of our colleague, Hon. WILLIAM THOMAS GRANAHAN, of Philadelphia, Pa.

It has been my privilege to enjoy BILL GRANAHAN'S friendship since he first came to the House of Representatives in January 1945. We all know of his geniality, his outstanding ability, and the great contributions made by him in behalf of the best interests of the people of the Second Congressional District, the State of Pennsylvania, and his beloved country. He was a most conscientious and able legislator and served with great distinction on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. He was most faithful in his support of all legislation which he believed to be beneficial to the welfare of this Nation and the people he represented.

Men like BILL GRANAHAN are sadly missed. His life, his fine personality, his genial and charming character were an inspiration to me, and I shall ever remember him with fond memories.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his dear wife in her great loss and sorrow. I am sure he rests in peace.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Chenoweth].

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was indeed shocked and saddened when I learned of the passing of our colleague, BILL GRANAHAN. His passing is a great loss not alone to his district, the State of Pennsylvania and this Congress, but to the entire country.

I was very fond of BILL GRANAHAN. I never met him but what he had a friendly smile and a word of greeting. I had the great pleasure of serving with him on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. I greatly enjoyed my association with him and his passing is a personal loss to me.

BILL GRANAHAN had a genial personality and made friends. I can understand why he was selected by the people of his district to represent them in Congress. I shall always treasure happy memories of our departed colleague. I was indeed proud to have him as a friend.

I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to BILL GRANAHAN and I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris.]

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply grieved when I learned of the passing of our beloved colleague and friend, BILL GRANAHAN. I was sitting in my office doing some work at the desk on Friday morning when I turned around to look out the window and as I did I saw the flag being lowered. I immediately called the telephone operator to find out about it and she, not having learned of it at that moment, called the

information office and I was then advised that BILL had just passed away.

The Nation can ill afford to lose good men like BILL GRANAHAN. I have had the special privilege and great pleasure of knowing BILL for a good many years and serving with him on the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. For several years we have sat near each other during the course of legislative consideration.

When you have the privilege of being with a person as I did in committee with BILL GRANAHAN you learn to know him and know his fine qualities and the great ability he possessed. Not only have we lost a good friend but the district that he represents, the State of Pennsylvania, and the Nation have lost a very able, outstanding, hard working, and conscientious Member of this great body.

I shall miss him personally as I know our colleagues will. We extend to his fine wife and family, to his friends, and to the delegation from Pennsylvania our deep sympathy at the loss of such a fine man, husband, and friend.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Keating].

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak for all on this side of the aisle when I express our deepest regret at the passing of BILL GRANAHAN. BILL was a very modest and very conscientious legislator. Whenever he differed with another Member on a particular issue he always did it in a pleasant and never in a disagreeable way. No one in this body, to my knowledge, ever had anything but the most friendly feeling toward BILL GRANAHAN. It was always refreshing to run into him because he always had a pleasant smile and courteous greeting for everyone. I know that all of us will sorely miss him, and we extend to his wife our deepest sympathy at this sad time.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of BILL GRANAHAN has enshrouded this House with a pall of gloom

that will lift only as we place a proper estimate on his outstanding services to his constituents and the Nation and consider his unswerving devotion to the traditions undergirding this great lawmaking assembly.

This colleague, whose passing we all mourn so deeply, was truly a humble man who never traveled very far from the place of his birth, nor did he embark upon flights of legislative fancy that would take him beyond the ken of the people he came here to represent. Indeed, BILL GRANAHAN was the very embodiment of the philosophy that a good Congressman does not necessarily mean one who on all occasions must take the well of this House to regale his colleagues with his linguistic prowess. His conception of congressional responsibility, even as it is also mine, was to attend to those day-to-day requests that come from his people—great and small—and in the quality of that service he excelled to the highest degree.

We shall miss this humble, sincere and lovable colleague of ours who has been elevated to that celestial chamber and has answered "here" to the Master's summons. We shall miss him, yes, but we shall not forget him and we know that we shall be better Congressmen for having known him and for having had the benefit of his example.

Our hearts go out to his sorrowing widow and we would not undertake to beguile her from the grief which now encompasses her, since only time can heal the anguish of these partings. We would, however, commend her to the ministrations of our gentle Saviour who will wipe all tears and who has promised for all of us a final glad reunion with those whom we have loved and lost for awhile.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Mack].

Mr. MACK of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in expressing my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Granahan. I was privileged to serve with BILL GRANAHAN on the

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for nearly 5 years, and I learned to know and respect him. He was my personal friend, and I enjoyed the many hours we spent working together on this committee.

He was a conscientious, hard-working, and sincere representative of the people's interest. His votes were cast without regard for political expediency, in the committee, as well as on the floor of the House. He made a record here which clearly displays the dedicated spirit with which he served his people.

BILL GRANAHAN will be keenly missed by all of us who know and appreciate the work he has done for his constituents and the contribution he has made to his country.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, mine is the tribute to the memory of a beloved neighbor who brightened many of my days. In the last Congress, when his office was across from mine and when the problems of the workday were heavy, BILL GRANAHAN would look in with that smile of his and his greeting of radiating cheer. All in my office would feel the sweetness of a great personality enveloping us. We shall all miss him very, very much. I was in my district in Chicago when the word came that again the flag over the Capitol was at half mast and another colleague had fallen on the field of duty, a colleague who had been so very close to me as friend and neighbor. It was a shock eased only by the thought that a soul as sweet and gentle as was his must have ascended to realms where sweetness and gentleness abide forever. He was a statesman of integrity and vision, a servitor of mankind, in every sense a great American. My deepest sympathy goes to his fine wife, the other members of his family, and to the delegation from Pennsylvania that has sustained the loss of one of its outstanding and most beloved members.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret that I learned of the passing of my beloved friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN, on Friday morning, May 25.

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my sincere condolences to his devoted wife.

BILL and I were friends since childhood. We were born and raised in the same locality and for the past 35 years enjoyed each other's company and counsel.

On most every occasion we sat side by side here on the floor of the House.

His accomplishments were many and his efforts in behalf of his friends and constituents were unequaled. His humility was exceeded only by his humbleness. He will be greatly missed by me and all who knew and loved him.

Mr. EBERHARTER. Mr. Speaker, it was with a feeling of great sadness that I learned of the death of our beloved colleague and a member of my State delegation, WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, of Pennsylvania.

It is in the nature of eulogies that words are inadequate to express the extent to which BILL GRANAHAN will be missed in this House by his many friends.

He was a true example of a fine public servant and his qualifications for the legislature were enhanced by his previous record of public service to the State of Pennsylvania before his election to Congress. His devotion to ideals and his sense of fair play have been an inspiration to all of us here and the impact of his personality will long be remembered.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and the other loved ones he has left behind.

Mr. SIMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the loss of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, of Philadelphia, was indeed a great shock to all of us, and particularly to those of us from Pennsylvania who are privileged to serve in this House.

We knew Mr. GRANAHAN for his devoted and tireless service to his congressional district, to his State, and to the Nation. His work as a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee is a record for all present and future members of that great committee to emulate. His widespread interests, including veterans' affairs and the construction industry, as well as his long and varied service in positions of public trust, attest to his qualities as a leader and as a citizen.

Our hearts go out to Mrs. Granahan in her hour of bereavement. Her loss is shared by all of us.

Mr. DOLLINGER. Mr. Speaker, the untimely and sudden death of our dear colleague, WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, came as a great shock to me. I had come to know him well through serving with him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. I shall miss him very much and am saddened by his death.

BILL GRANAHAN was conscientious, devoted to duty, and rendered outstanding service to his constituents and his State and Nation. He was a great American, a fine gentleman, and true friend. He was noted for his kindliness, his courtesy, and other splendid qualities which endeared him to all who knew him.

The people of the Second Congressional District of Pennsylvania have lost an able Legislator who labored diligently in their behalf. His loss will be keenly felt by Members of this House, for he had the respect and devotion of his colleagues.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his fine wife and the other members of his family.

Mr. RHODES of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I join in expressing my grief and shock at the passing of my good friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN.

BILL was a man of ability, modesty, and integrity, who was admired and respected by all who knew and served with

him. His devotion to the needs and desires of the people of his district, State, and Nation has always been in the highest tradition of service in the House of Representatives. BILL GRANAHAN has left behind him a distinguished record of accomplishment in the cause of liberalism. His sincerity of purpose and his faithful service in behalf of the average American were an inspiration to his fellow Pennsylvanians.

We have lost a true servant of the people and a great American who will be long remembered for his outstanding record in the House. To his widow I express my heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement.

Mr. GREEN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in the death of BILL GRANAHAN this House has lost a Member, who for 10 years has distinguished himself as an able, conscientious legislator, who discharged his duties scrupulously and who worked tirelessly for the best interests of his country and the constituency that sent him to us.

It was my privilege to have known BILL GRANAHAN for more than 20 years. For more than 10 years I served with him here in the Congress. I knew him socially. I met him in the furore of political campaigns. I worked with him on this floor, in committees and in conferences and at all times and in all places he impressed me, as he did all the Members of this body to whom I have spoken, as a man of character, determination and ability. He will, indeed, be missed by all of us.

BILL GRANAHAN was a pleasant, affable man and a very wise and discerning student of his fellowman. In the many, many years that I have known him I doubt that he ever made an enemy. His gentle manner will linger with his friends always and yet he could fight for the right with the best of them. BILL GRANAHAN just got along with everybody and stirred up no animosities. He was friendliness personified, a quiet, engaging gentleman. I deeply regret the loss of so fine a friend. The Nation, the Members on both sides of the aisle

and particularly the west Philadelphia area are poorer for his passing. To his devoted wife, Kathryn, and to the other members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. KLEIN. Mr. Speaker. It was with a deep sense of personal loss and shock that I learned of the passing of my friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN. BILL'S tolerance and understanding, his sincerity and his conscientiousness will long be remembered. I learned to know him, not only as we sat side by side during committee hearings, but during our travels to South America with the committee and it was during these days that I grew to admire his ability and his devotion to his fellow man, characteristics which he hid beneath a cloak of great modesty.

The respect in which he was held by his colleagues was unsurpassed; his friendship was genuine; his smile ever ready and cordial. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

My deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Granahan and the other members of his family.

Mr. TUMULTY. Mr. Speaker, may I join in the tribute paid a great American and a great Congressman. I had the pleasure of meeting Representative BILL GRANAHAN in the last session and I found him to be a delightful personality, a good friend, a devoted husband and a great citizen. His constant thought was for the well-being of his district. Both my wife and myself are indebted to him for his help and hospitality. May our tears of bereavement crystallize as they flow and be worn as a rosary of remembrance for his beloved memory.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the death of Representative WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN I, as a new Member of Congress, lost a good friend and wise counselor.

It was not my privilege to know BILL GRANAHAN well until I came to this body on January 3, 1955. His warm friendship and wise advice was very helpful to me in my efforts

to understand the workings of the House of Representatives.

I had known him well by reputation as a political fighter of the highest ideals, a man constantly devoted to the welfare of the people he represented.

I deeply regret the loss of a fine colleague. His voice will be missed in his State and in this body.

To his wife and family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep feeling of loss and a great sorrow that I join with my colleagues in saying a word as a last farewell in memory of our departed good friend, WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN.

"BILL," as he was affectionately known to many of us, will never walk this way again—yet once he walked among us a smiling and kindly man who radiated by his mere presence a warmth of affection and friendliness.

"BILL" was a good man—for he was dedicated to all the things that are good. And, he was a fine man because he did those things which are fine.

Though he was small of physical stature, BILL was possessed of a greatness because of his dedication to his fellowman. As a servant of the people he knew well the meaning of service and he gave of himself unselfishly and devotedly to his country's good. He shall always be remembered for these things and those whom he has left behind shall be grateful to his name.

I know that as a friend and colleague, I shall miss him and his kind face in these cherished Halls. His friends and those whom he served will also miss him. But, there is consolation in the thought that his good works will carry on.

To his family and to those dearly beloved to BILL, I extend my sincerest and deepest sympathy in this hour of their great loss.

Mr. BYRNE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden and untimely death of my dear friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN, with whom I have

been associated for many years. His contributions to the welfare of his district and the State of Pennsylvania are numerous and he will be greatly missed by his host of friends. We shall miss his friendly smile, his geniality, and his general statesmanhip, for he was a fine example of kindness, integrity, and American citizenship. His passing is our loss, but he has gone to his great reward.

My deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Granahan in her great sorrow, and I am sure she will be consoled by the knowledge that BILL is so kindly remembered by such a throng of good friends and the memory of a husband of such fineness of character and noteworthiness.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened at the death of my esteemed colleague and good friend, WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN. His loss will be keenly felt.

BILL earned the respect of his colleagues and the people of his district for his outstanding ability and devotion to duty, and their deep affection for his sterling personal qualities. He was a truly effective Member of Congress because of his ability, sincerity of purpose, trustworthiness, and dependability. It was a privilege to know BILL GRANAHAN, and his passing is a personal loss to me. My deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Granahan and the other members of the family.

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on my return to Washington I was shocked to learn of the death of the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania, my friend and colleague, WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN.

Words are inadequate on such occasions. The Nation has lost an able legislator and a fine American. I had a deep feeling of friendship and respect for BILL GRANAHAN. He will always be remembered by those who served with him because of his kindly disposition. He will be missed by all of us here in the Congress and his passing is a distinct loss to the people of his congressional district.

To his loved ones left behind and to the people of his district, I extend my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened and shocked by the untimely passing of our colleague and my dear friend BILL GRANAHAN.

BILL and I were both elected to the 79th Congress in 1944, and we became close, personal friends. He was a fine gentleman and a true friend. His death is a personal loss, and I shall miss him very much.

BILL was a man of integrity and ability. He served his constituents conscientiously, and I know his unselfish and devoted service to them will be greatly missed. Our State of Pennsylvania, as well as the Nation, has lost a very able, capable, and outstanding legislator.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to his beloved wife, Kathryn, in her great loss and sorrow.

Mr. CHUDOFF. Mr. Speaker, it was with a feeling of great sorrow that I learned of the death of my very dear friend and colleague, BILL GRANAHAN, on Friday morning, May 25.

Not only have I lost a good friend but the people of the district that he represented, the State of Pennsylvania, and the United States Congress have lost a very able, sincere, hard-working, and conscientious Member. It was a pleasure to have him as a friend, and I will always treasure happy memories of him.

I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to BILL GRANAHAN and extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Granahan.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, the Congress and the people of the Second District of Pennsylvania have sustained a great loss in the passing of our beloved colleague, my good friend, BILL GRANAHAN.

Back in the 79th Congress, after taking his oath for the first time as a Member of this House, he was assigned to the

Committee on the Revision of the Laws. It was in that way that a warm friendship commenced and developed between us—a friendship that I valued because of the many attributes of fine character that BILL possessed. He was distinguished by his gentle friendliness and sincerity—marks of a true gentleman. These traits alone, however, did not make BILL GRANAHAN the outstanding legislator that he was. His industry, wisdom, and conscientious devotion to duty that became immediately apparent in his work on the committee were what also contributed so much to this success both in committee work and in the representation of his constituents.

BILL GRANAHAN is going to be missed by his family, his colleagues, and his constituents. To his widow, who I know in BILL's eyes was the person most responsible for his own success, I particularly want to extend sincere condolences.

Mr. WALTER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 514) for immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 19 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Walter, Mr. Eberharter, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dague, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Green

of Pennsylvania, Mr. Chudoff, Mr. James, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Mack of Illinois, Mr. Rhodes of Pennsylvania, Mr. King of Pennsylvania, Mr. Byrne of Pennsylvania, Mr. Flood, Mr. Clark, Mr. Quigley, and Mr. Holland.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 1956, at 12 o'clock noon.

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MONDAY, *May 28, 1956.*

Mr. MARTIN of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, it is my sorrowful duty to bring to the attention of my colleagues in the Senate the fact that Representative WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN died on Friday.

Mr. GRANAHAN underwent a minor operation 2 days previously, and died suddenly in the Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, Darby, Pa., from a heart attack.

Mr. GRANAHAN, at the age of 60, had just previously won the nomination for a sixth term in Congress.

I had the honor and pleasure of being well acquainted with Representative GRANAHAN, who represented Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District in west Philadelphia. He was a splendid colleague, and one who could always be depended on to give his own personal consideration to problems or situations which were presented to him. He represented his district with honor and distinction, and served his State and Nation with devotion.

Mr. GRANAHAN was born in south Philadelphia, and was a graduate of Roman Catholic High School. Before coming to Congress, he was supervisor of inheritance taxes for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and chief disbursing officer for the State treasurer.

He was first elected to Congress in 1944. He was elected again in 1948, and was reelected in 1950, 1952, and 1954. He was a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House, and was especially devoted to the cause of the great Delaware Valley.

He was a veteran, and served in Europe for 18 months during the First World War. He was a leading member of the

American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife, the former Kathryn O'Hay McNally, whom he married in 1943, and to all the other members of his family.

Later in the day, Mr. President, I shall submit a formal resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. McNamara in the chair) laid before the Senate the following resolution (H. Res. 514) from the House of Representatives, which was read:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
May 28, 1956.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 19 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, on behalf of the senior Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Martin], I send to the desk a resolution, which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 273) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM T. GRANAHAN, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Under the second resolving clause, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Martin of Pennsylvania and Mr. Duff as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, on behalf of the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, I move that the Senate now stand in recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and at 7 o'clock and 26 minutes p. m. the Senate took a recess, the recess being, under the order previously entered, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative GRANAHAN, until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 29, 1956, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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